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- 1. A method for k-space data acquisition for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) characterized by using of at least first and second k-spaces for interleaved data acquisition, the at least first and second k-spaces covering substantially the same physical region.
- 5 2. The method of claim 1, the k-spaces having a first coordinate axis and a second coordinate axis, the method comprising:
  - a) sampling into a first direction along the first coordinate axis,
  - b) applying a first compensation pulse,
  - sampling into a second direction along the first coordinate axis, the second direction being opposite to the first direction,
    - d) applying a second compensation pulse,
    - e) repetitively carrying out the steps a) to d).
- The method of claims 1 or 2, the first and second compensation pulses being
  z-shimming pulses.
  - 4. The method of claims 1, 2 or 3, further comprising incrementing a sampling position on the second coordinate axis after each step a) and / or after each step b).
- 5. The method of anyone of the preceding claims 1 to 4, further comprising performing a partial k-space data acquisition by means of the sampling in steps a) and c).
  - 6. The method of anyone of the preceding claims 1 to 5 further comprising combining the sampled data of steps a) and c) to generate an image.
  - 7. The method of anyone of the preceding claims 1 to 6 further comprising generating a first image based on the data samples being acquired in the first direction, generating a second image based on the data samples acquired in the second direction and combining the first and second images into one image.

- 8. The method of anyone of the proceeding claims 1 to 7, whereby a number of n k-spaces is used for the interleaved data acquisition, and further comprising the steps of:
- applying a number of n-1 first compensation pulses of a first amplitude,
- 5 applying the second compensation pulse with a second amplitude, where the second amplitude is n-1 times the first amplitude.
  - 9. A magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) device comprising means for interleaved k-space data acquisition in at least first and second k-spaces.

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- 10. The magnetic resonance imaging device of claim 9 comprising:
- means (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10) for k-space data acquisition, the k-spaces having a first coordinate axis and a second coordinate axis.
- a control unit (11) for generating of control signals for the means for k-space data acquisition,

wherein the control signals cause the means for k-space data acquisition to

- a) sample into a first direction along the first coordinate axis,
- b) apply a first compensation pulse,
- c) sample into a second direction along the first coordinate axis, the second direction being opposite of the first direction,
- d) apply a second compensation pulse,
- e) repetitively carry out the steps a) to d).
- 11. A computer program product for k-space data acquisition for magnetic
  resonance imaging (MRI), the computer program product comprising program means to perform k-space data acquisition in at least first and second k-spaces in an interleaved way.
  - 12. The computer program products of claim 11, the k-spaces having a first coordinate access, the program means being adapted to perform the steps of:
- a) sampling into a first direction along the first coordinate axis,
  - b) applying a first compensation pulse,
  - c) sampling into a second direction along the first coordinate axis, the second direction being opposite to the first direction,
  - d) applying a second compensation pulse,

e) repetitively carrying out the steps a) to d).